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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE:

June 28, 2016

SUBJECT: Motion made by the LGBT Advisory Committee

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to inform the Mayor and Commission of a motion made by the LGBT Advisory Committee on June 14, 2016.

BACKGROUND:

Several months ago, event managers for the Art Basel Fair expressed a desire for the City to provide Gender Neutral restroom signage in locations where single stall restrooms would be available. Staff presented signage alternatives to the City's LGBT committee for input since there are no current specific international design standards for Gender Neutral restrooms signage. The sign attached as Exhibit A was the selected sign.

ANALYSIS:

The Miami Beach Convention Center Renovation and Expansion Project will contain a total of fourteen (14) separate, private restrooms which will be located in areas throughout the building.

Each of the 14 individual restrooms will be handicap accessible and contain baby changing stations. The purpose of the separate restrooms is to provide facilities for disabled people with personal assistants who might be of a different gender, people with children of a different gender, people who do not want to stand in line for multi-stall restrooms, people with infants, and gender non-conforming people.

The signage for these restrooms needs to depict the ultimate end user by way of international symbols, text and braille, as well as maintain an international standard by ISO (International Organization for Standardization) and the US Department of Transportation. The selected sign meets both of these standards.

COST:

There is no additional cost to the project for the signs as signage was included as part of the original budget.

MOTION: To accept the selected signage implementation of 14 gender neutral restrooms in the new Miami Beach Convention Center.

Motion made by: Elizabeth Schwartz Motion seconded by: Michael Bath

Motion passed: 11-0

Attached: Exhibit A

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EXHIBIT A



Miami Beach Convention Center Gender Neutral Restroom Sign Type L Face Layout 060816